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The Week In The Knesset

N. E. P.—National Insurance — Army Rule

By Gerda Luft

THE Prime Minister's statement on the new economic policy on Wednesday was awaited with so much eagerness that Monday and Tuesday were marked by poor attendance and flagging interest, although the first stages of a national insurance scheme were being debated. The announcement by Mr. Ben Gurion was, however, less of a surprise than was generally assumed. The members of the Coalition had already been made familiar with the main points of the plan, and the forecasts which appeared in the press were remarkably correct.

The first part of the speech which underlined the achievements of the last two years, bore a certain similarity to the surveys of the Minister of Finance to which the House has become accustomed. The outline of the proposed new economic measures was listened to attentively. The debate on the statement which will follow will not only give the parties the possibility to define their attitude to the new plan but will provide the Knesset with an opportunity to give a lead to the public in the beginnings of this crucial struggle for increased output and the fight against inflation.

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THE discussion on national insurance took a surprising turn: all parties supported the measures proposed by the Minister of Labour. They advocated old age pensions, insurance for mothers and so on, and differed only as to the scope of the scheme. It was, of course, not surprising for Mapam and the Communists to plead for the implementation of wider measures of national insurance without delay.

But it is astonishing that the parties of the centre and the right too pleaded for a speeding up of the insurance scheme — the introduction of general free hospitalization was demanded by Dr. Har-El, the representative of the General Zionists — and that the representatives of Mapai, with Mr. Namir at the head, should call for caution in the execution of the scheme.

The discussion on details of the proposed bill made it painfully clear that the House is short of experts in this field. Mr. Kanev, one of the main initiators of the plan, is no longer a member of the Knesset and he followed the debate from the bench of government officials. The insurance companies which have a stake to defend are not represented in the House and will have to pull their weight by lobbying. The committee which now has the bill for its second reading will have to rely heavily on the opinion of experts.

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A SHORT but sharp discussion preceded the debate on the findings of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and Security on Military rule in the Arab border areas. Interpellations on the position of Arab citizens in the country in general and under military rule in particular have been made frequently in the Knesset in the past few months.

One of these by Mr. Wilner, the Communist, was in November transferred for investigation of the facts to the Foreign Affairs Committee. The Committee tabled its findings in the Knesset in the third week of December, but they reached the plenary only last week, and the debate was sandwiched somewhat surprisingly between two slices of the discussion on national insurance.

The Knesset voted to retain military rule in the border areas. This means that 85 percent of the Arab population of Israel remains subject to the irksome restrictions which are resented by them and which — as in the case of travel permits — hamper their movements and their economic activities to a considerable extent. It must be noted that the Government promised at the same time to abolish discrimination wherever it exists and to introduce reforms where necessary. It should be noted, too, that two of the four Arab members who follow Mapai, this time voted with Mapam against the majority.

We noted last week that the position of the Arab citizen in Israel keeps cropping up in the Knesset again and again, and that there is a widespread feeling that the House ought to find time to deal with this problem in order to clear the air. The debate on Tuesday did not fulfil this function. The explanation by Mr. Argov, the Chairman of the Committee, left the impression that the Knesset had bowed to the necessities of the army which pleaded that military rule was inevitable under the present security position.

If this is true, it is also true that the security position is affected by the mood of the Arabs who complain of discrimination. A discussion in the Knesset on the position of the Arabs would have given an opportunity to investigate how far security can be improved by peaceful economic measures. This was not done, at least this time.

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THE third "birthday" of the Knesset was celebrated by the reception which by now has become almost traditional.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Sprinzak, was absent owing to his illness, but he used the opportunity to address a letter to the members which expressed concern over developments in the Knesset during the last year.

His appeal to put the common good above party interests sounded very timely and appropriate. But question mutely their eyebrows on this point, as there are no signs that inner-party fury is abating, and it knows no mark on almost every debate.

Fuel Prices Up 65-140 Per Cent

The first essential commodities to go up in price under the new exchange rates were kerosene, benzine, gas oil (solar) and lubricating oil, which rose from 65 to 140 per cent on Friday.

Although all fuel is reckoned at the $1-IL.1 rate, kerosene is being subsidized slightly by the Government, so that it will be sold at a rate equivalent to $1.40 a IL.1. Thus, the price in Jerusalem of a 15-litre tin went up on Friday from 380 to 630 pruta, an increase of 65 per cent.

The rate of increase varied because of the different types of taxes and duties on different oil products. Benzine, for example, was raised from 68 pruta per litre in Jerusalem (66 in Haifa) to 108, since the duty, which represents a large percentage of the cost, is specific and not *ad valorem*. Lubricating oil, on the other hand, on which the duty is *ad valorem*, went up by more than 150 per cent. Gas oil, which is duty free, increased from 78.5 pruta per gallon to 189 pruta, a rise of 140 per cent.

Effective Immediately

The higher prices went into effect immediately as oil stocks in the country are "on consignment" and are paid for in foreign currency as consumed. The new rate of exchange thus affected all deliveries as from Friday.

The higher price of fuel will cause a rise in the price of electric current of approximately 8 pruta per kilowatt hour, which is expected to go into effect on March 1.

The dollar-pound exchange rate will, it is understood, apply to all international postal services, which will, therefore, be increased by 180 per cent as from March 1. The new rates, which cannot go into force before the first of the month under the rules of the International Postal Convention, will apply to foreign mail, cables and international radio telephones.

When cashing in Letters of Credit before leaving the country, tourists will receive foreign currency at the same rate at which the letters were bought, it was announced yesterday. This applies also to letters purchased before the new exchange rates were announced last week.

The Letters of Credit can be cashed at Bank Leumi branches at Lydda Airport and at Haifa Port.

U.S. Aid to Israel Estimated at $80m.

POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Saturday. — President Truman told Zionist leaders last week he had recommended a substantial sum for Israel in his message on foreign aid which he will deliver to Congress on March 1.

It is understood that the amount is in the neighbourhood of $80m.

Efforts henceforth must be directed at forestalling Congressional cuts rather than increasing the President's recommendation.

TAXI, BUS FARES GOING UP

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Increased taxi and bus fares will be approved by the Government this week, Mr. M. Bar, Controller of Road Transport, told **The Post** tonight. Mr. Bar said he believed the new prices would be temporary and that a complete list of revised fares would be issued shortly. Trucking prices would also be affected. Drivers already charging higher rates had no Government authorization to do so, he added.

A temporary stoppage of taxi services took place yesterday morning when drivers met to discuss the new petrol and oil rates. When the services were resumed, drivers added from 15 to 50 per cent, depending on the length of the journey.

In Beersheba, a number of northern-bound passengers were stranded yesterday, when inter-urban services were halted because of the price situation. The vehicles are expected to run again tomorrow.

Inter-urban taxi companies are demanding an 80 per cent increase in fares, it was learned from a taxi Company representative in Jerusalem yesterday. The possibility of a strike today was also mentioned.

Credit, Loans, Need Curtailing—Joseph

The need for curtailing loans and credits used for non-productive purposes was stressed by Minister of Commerce Dov Joseph at a Mapai meeting in Jerusalem yesterday.

As long as the nation showed a spirit of self-sacrifice, "economic laws do not apply in Israel," he said. Many of the country's economic troubles arose from the fact that new immigrants immediately become consumers, but not producers.

The Minister said that all food needed for local consumption, except meat and wheat, can be produced in Israel. He also promised intensified efforts against the black market and strict controls to ensure that non-payment imports are not used illegally.

Jordan Signs Arab Security Pact

The Jordan Minister to Cairo, Auni Bey Abdul Hadi yesterday signed the Arab League Security Pact in the Egyptian capital.

Previously, Jordan had been the only Arab country which was not a member of the pact.

Four Arab League states are required to ratify the agreement. So far only Egypt, Syria and the Lebanon have done so.

Workers Will Not Bear 'Main Burden'

HAIFA, Saturday. — It was incorrect to say that the main burden of the new economic measures would fall mainly on workers, Mr. P. Naphtali, Minister without Portfolio, told a meeting of Histadrut members here today. Prices were bound to rise and the enforcement of the new measures would involve technical difficulties, he warned, but it was necessary to improve the relation between consumption and production.

Workers should be interested in such an improvement, because a galloping inflation would hit them most. For that reason he asked them to make unavoidable sacrifices with a clear conscience.

Factory committees should see to it that raw materials are used for essential goods only, and not be diverted to the production of non-essentials. This would lead to the closedown of some enterprises and the transfer of their working staff to more important plants, he forecast.

Merchants Welcome Govt's New Policy

The Chambers of Commerce will cooperate actively with the Government in implementing the new economic measures, an official delegation of exporters told Minister of Commerce Dov Joseph, at a meeting in Jerusalem on Friday, it was announced yesterday.

Stating that the Government's new programme was a step in the direction of healthy competition, Mr. A. Kahana, Vice-President of the Chambers of Commerce and spokesman for the delegation, told Dr. Joseph that the Chambers support the establishment of an Export Bank.

Mrs. Roosevelt Unwearied After 14-Hour Tour

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Touring Israel at a searing pace, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt exhausted her escort, but at the end of a 14-hour day today she told Mrs. Vera Weizmann that she was not tired. "I never feel tired when I'm absorbed," she commented.

Mrs. Roosevelt had tea and dinner at the Weizmann home in Rehovot after spending a day in the south. Yesterday afternoon, she drove from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv where she was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gurion at their home.

Among those present were the American Ambassador and Mrs. Monnett B. Davis, Minister of Labour Golda Myerson, the Director General of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Haim Sheba; and Mr. Michael Comay, of the Foreign Ministry.

After staying the night with Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Roosevelt drove down to Migdal Ascalon where she inspected the Yuval Gad pipe works. She visited a Mekorot pumping station and then travelled down to Sheikh Suliman's encampment for coffee. Accompanied by Sgan Aluf Michael Hanegbi, the Beersheba Military Governor, Mrs. Roosevelt drove into Beersheba where Mayor David Tuviahu welcomed her.

Shortly after noon. She visited the local Hadassah Hospital, where she was received by Dr. Jacob K. Mann, Director of the Hadassah Medical Organization, and Mrs. Julia Dushkin of the Hadassah Council. At lunch, she told members of her party that she was quite surprised that salaries of highly skilled persons were not higher.

After lunch Mrs. Roosevelt visited the new part of the town and spoke to a Rumanian family at the adjacent ma'bara.

New Conception

At Kfar Uriel, the village of the blind, Mrs. Roosevelt was impressed with what she said was "an entirely new conception to me: putting blind families together into a community where they earn their own living." In one of the houses, she checked the official picture by questioning the residents.

After a brief visit to the Weizmann Institute, Mrs. Roosevelt was received by Mrs. Weizmann in Rehovot. Returning to the Ramat Aviv Hotel at about 9.30, Mrs. Roosevelt began work on her daily column.

On arrival at the Mandelbaum Gate Crossing at 1 o'clock on Friday, Mrs. Roosevelt was met by President Weizmann's A.D.C.; Dr. A. Biran, the District Representative; Dr. M. Simon, Chief of Protocol; Mr. M. Comay, head of the American Desk at the Foreign Ministry; the American Ambassador and Mrs. Monnett B. Davis; and Dr. David Gurevich, who is accompanying Mrs. Roosevelt, but preceded her by a few days.

Mrs. Roosevelt had attended a funeral service for King George VI at St. George's Cathedral. Just across the lines from the Mandelbaum crossing, She was driven to the frontier by the American Consul General, Mr. Roger Tyler, and then walked through the Gate to the American Ambassador's car on the Israel side. Escorted by police motorcycle outriders, the party drove to the Consulate in Mamillah Road for lunch, after which, Mrs. Roosevelt was taken by Dr. Mann, Mrs. Dushkin and Mrs. Miriam Granott to visit the Hadassah Tuberculosis Hospital for Infants and Children, before driving to Ma'ale Hahamisha, where she visited Youth Aliya's Eddie Cantor Children's Centre.

New Communist Offer for Talks After Truce

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — Communist truce negotiators today proposed that the scope of a post-armistice conference on Korea be left to the Governments concerned.

They were presenting a revised version of their proposals for recommendations to governments, to be made by the armistice delegations.

The Communists asked for a conference within three months after an armistice. They proposed for discussion the "withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea, peaceful settlement of the Korean question, etc."

The wording replaced by "etcetera" their earlier proposal to include "other questions related to peace in Korea."

The Communists named Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia as nations they would nominate to an inspection commission of neutral nations to go behind each side's lines during an armistice. The three nations named by the U.N. are Switzerland, Sweden and Norway.

The commission would be assigned the task of visiting ports of entry on each side during an armistice to see neither side built up militarily through those ports.

The U.N. rejected Russia, but accepted Poland and Czechoslovakia as nominations. The Communists asked why Russia was not acceptable, and a U.N. negotiator, Colonel Don Darrow, told them, "It is obvious." He told correspondents of this exchange at a briefing after the talks, adding that the Communists had said earlier that they would accept the U.N. nominations of Sweden, Switzerland and Norway if the U.N. would accept their three nominees.

Of the battlefronts, U.N. tanks and infantrymen after a week of Communist attacks along the Korean front today went out in raiding parties to strike back.

China Charges West Planning Aggression

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday (Reuter). — Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai has accused the U.S., Britain and Japan of menacing Asia and Russia and of preparing for a new aggressive war "on a still greater scale."

In a speech delivered yesterday and broadcast from Peking, he reminded the world that Russia and China had agreed to aid each other in the event of an attack "by Japan or any state allied with that country."

"We do not want to invade any country," he said, speaking at a meeting on the second anniversary of the Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance.

China and Russia had "long ago foreseen the plans of U.S. imperialism and its satellites," he said. The plans of the Western powers "will in the future receive still more telling blows."

Referring to the armistice negotiations in Korea, he said: "If a were not for deliberate stalling on the part of the U.S. side, the negotiations would have been successful long ago."

Moscow Celebration Of Sino-Soviet Pact

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter) —Three Soviet Deputy Premiers, Messrs. V.M. Molotov, N.A. Bulganin and A. I. Mikoyan, yesterday attended a reception given here by the Chinese Ambassador to mark the second anniversary of the Chinese-Soviet Friendship Pact.

Profit Issue Snags Oil Talks in Iran

TEHERAN, Saturday (UP) — Negotiations between the International Bank mission and Premier Mossadegh here to solve the oil dispute snagged today on the question of dividing profits. If no solution is found by Tuesday the mission is scheduled to leave for the U.S.

The Bank's offer was reported to be 50 per cent of the profits for Persia. But a Government spokesman told UP today: "We cannot accept 50 per cent, because if we did all our struggles so far will have been meaningless."

Fatemi Shot At Friend's Graveside

TEHERAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Former Deputy Premier Hussein Fatemi was shot in the stomach and seriously injured by a young member of Fidayan Islam (Devotees of Islam) yesterday. He was wounded at the graveside of a friend who was shot dead four years ago.

Dr. Fatemi, Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's personal assistant in oil nationalization, was making a speech at the grave of Mohammed Masoud a "fearless newspaperman" who was murdered by unknown assassins in 1948.

While he was speaking, a 16-year old youth whipped out a revolver and shot him in the stomach. The assailant was arrested, still holding the revolver, while Fatemi was rushed to hospital, where he was operated on. Later reports said he would need a second operation in three or four days.

Assailant Identified

The assailant, who first gave his name as "Abdullah," was later identified as Mohammed Raffi, a member of the Fidayan Islam.

Fatemi has repeatedly spoken for the Prime Minister during the oil crisis with Britain. He accompanied him to the U.S. last Autumn, when the Premier pleaded Persia's case before the Security Council and held consultations with Presidents Truman and other Washington officials.

Fatemi resigned as Mossadegh's personal assistant to contest the National elections, and was one of 11 members of the National Front —the Premier's party— elected last month in the Teheran constituency.

U.S. Lead In Oslo Olympics

OSLO, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. were leading in the unofficial points scorings after five events of the winter olympics here had been decided. They had scored 34 ½ against the 28 of their nearest rivals, Austria.

Of the five gold medals so far decided the U.S. have won two, with one each going to Germany, Norway and Italy. Austria has gained three silver medals and the United States two.

The sounding of the Olympic fanfars at Dislet Stadium here yesterday marked the formal opening of the sixth winter games. Nearly 30,000 spectators filled the stadium to capacity.

Cables in Brief

MANOEUVRES. — Indian, British, French and U.S. ships and planes will participate in joint manoeuvres under the NATO Commander of the Southern Sector, Admiral Carney, between February 26 and March 5. These will be the biggest joint manoeuvres ever held in the area.

REMOVAL. — Some 1,400 cases of documents resulting from the recent session of the U.N. at Paris are being shipped back to the U.N. permanent building in New York.

REMEDY. — California University has found a hormone which may speed the healing of atomic radiation wounds. It was announced yesterday.

AVALANCHES. — New avalanches have destroyed houses and large parts of forests in Eastern Austria, causing one more fatal casualty — bringing the total number of victims of the "White Death" to 37.

TEST. — Foreign diplomats in Moscow have been ordered to take a special Soviet driving test, even if they have an international licence, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr. Dirk Stikker, told the Dutch Upper House yesterday.

MINISTER. — Miran Mohammed Shah, 54, was on Thursday nominated Pakistan's first Ambassador to Spain.

REJECTION. — The acceptance of U.S. Mutual Security Aid by Indonesia's Foreign Minister, Dr. Ahmad Subarjo, has been rejected by the country's two main parties, the Moslem Masjumi and the Indonesian Nationalist Party.

REPEAL. — The Philippine House of Representatives on Thursday in a stormy session voted to repeal emergency powers granted to the President in 1941, thus opposing the wishes of the Administration.

DISTRESS. — The Swedish freighter George Dekatra was reported to be in distress off the Cuban coast on Thursday.

TRIAL. — Eight women and 21 men, charged with espionage and high treason as members of a "Communist spy ring," appeared before an Athens court martial on Friday.

PENALTY. — The reimposition of the death penalty in Argentina to counter a crime wave which is sweeping the country, was demanded on Thursday by the Public Prosecutor in Buenos Aires.

ELECTIONS. — Municipal elections were being held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, yesterday.

STRIKE. — Some 3,000 Indian and Chinese railway workers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, staged a sit-down strike on Thursday, because they had not been granted a holiday to mourn the King's death.

TORNADO. — A tornado roaring through the southern part of the U.S. on Thursday killed four people and injured 60.

DEATH. — Dr. Alfred Einstein, cousin of Professor Albert Einstein and formerly music critic for several Munich newspapers, died last Wednesday at the age of 71 in El Cerrito, California.

British Halt Rail Traffic in Zone After Sabotage

ISMAILIA, Saturday (Reuter). — British Army authorities today banned all movement of Egyptian railway activities in the Canal Zone after terrorists mined a British military oil train last night.

Later tonight, Lt.-Gen. Sir George Erskine, British Commander, announced he would relax the ban tomorrow, when Egyptian Army troops and supply trains, and a civilian food train would be permitted to run again.

Oil and food trains were today turned back at the Zone border. Egyptian Army troops and supply trains passing through the Canal Zone to Sinai were stopped.

This is the first time the British Army has stopped Egyptian military traffic passing through the zone.

British soldiers today arrested two Egyptian signalmen and the stationmaster at Kantara station, near the scene of yesterday's wrecking on the main Port Said-Suez line, 40 kms. north of Ismailia.

Minor Injuries

British soldiers on the train escaped with minor injuries when two electrically detonated bombs blew up, wrecking six oil tankers and the brake van and partially derailing the engine and tender.

Apart from the rigid controls clamped down as a result, Lt.-Gen. George Erskine stopped further releases of Egyptian auxiliary police detained by the British.

A British Consulate spokesman in Cairo said today that British claims for fire damage on Cairo's "Black Saturday"—January 26—are likely to total between £2m. and £3m. "This is a conservative estimate," the spokesman added, "and when the final total is made up it may well be more."

Experts estimate that all claims may reach a total of between £20m. and £30m.

In London, meanwhile, a Foreign Office spokesman announced that Egypt in a new note to Britain expressed concern at the fate of the British victims of the Cairo rioting, and condemned the disturbances.

The spokesman confirmed that Britain was asking the West German Government about reports that members of the former German forces were now advising the Egyptian Army.

In Cairo, Premier Ali Maher today issued an order closing all public places and shops from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. in the capital and from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. in Alexandria. Bakeries, flour mills and pharmacies were exempted from the order.

He also ordered intensified army and police patrols throughout Cairo.

Minister of the Interior Mortada el Maraghy Bey in a broadcast tonight appealed to Egyptians to report anybody found spreading "false rumours".

GERMAN TRADE

CAIRO, Saturday (AP). — Germany will open new credits for the purchase of Egyptian cotton, yarn and onions, according to revised trade agreement terms made public today by the Egyptian Commerce Ministry.

A Ministry spokesman said Germany will open a $1m. credit to buy cotton and yarn, and a $1.5m. credit for the purchase of onions — one of Egypt's major food crops. Germany will examine Egypt's requirements in iron, coal and by-products under the terms, and will open sufficient credits to permit Egyptian missions to participate in German commercial exhibitions. (AP, Reuter)

Faure Withdraws, Asks For German Recruitment Delay

PARIS, Saturday (AP). — Primo Minister Edgar Faure tonight called for a delay in the recruiting of German soldiers until a treaty to form a united European army will have been ratified.

The Prime Minister announced his plan in a new solution which he presented to the National Assembly when it resumed its session at 10 o'clock tonight, after a day of repeated adjournments.

The new resolution replaces the one originally presented which met Socialist opposition and upon which he was to have asked for a vote of confidence tonight.

Earlier, when the Assembly convened shortly after 3 o'clock, Prime Minister Edgar Faure requested and obtained, by a vote of 356 to 236, a two-hour recess in which to bargain with Socialist Party opponents. When the Assembly resumed its session, M. Faure again asked a recess, this time only until 10 o'clock. Despite Communist and De Gaullist opposition, he won by 388 to 234.

During the recess Socialist leaders circulated a five-point memo, which they said represented their conditions for support or neutrality in the confidence ballot.

Socialist Points

The five points were:

- **Delay German recruiting until after the treaty is fully ratified. In effect this would enable the French Socialists to put off German rearmament indefinitely.**
- **France should give in to British views, eliminate the supranational features of the army plan in order to win Britain into the plan.**
- **Stronger guarantees from the U.S. and Britain against Germany pulling her troops out of the European army.**
- **"Progressive" integration of French troops into the European army — enabling France to retain a national army for some time.**
- **Bar nations with "territorial demands" from NATO. This would effectively prevent Germany from entering NATO because of her claims to eastern areas now held by Poland.**

Adenauer Invited To Big 3 Parleys

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today invited German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to join next Monday's session of the three Western Foreign Ministers' conference, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He said Mr. Eden conveyed the invitation on behalf of the two other Foreign Ministers, M. Robert Schuman of France and Mr. Dean Acheson of the U.S., who had decided to invite Dr. Adenauer jointly.

NATO States Admit Greece and Turkey

WASHINGTON, Saturday, (Reuter).—The State Department announced yesterday that all 12 nations in the North Atlantic Pact have now officially approved the admission of Greece and Turkey to the alliance.

It said that all 12 had given formal notices of acceptance.

Italy sent in its acceptance yesterday to complete the necessary legal steps. Belgium added its acceptance yesterday along with France. These were the last three countries which needed to ratify the move.

Greece and Turkey will become the formal members of the alliance when each side deposits its "instrument of accession" with the State Department.

In Athens today, Greece was officially invited to join NATO when the U.S. Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Charles Yost, handed the formal invitation on behalf of the 12 member nations in the course of a ceremony.

MAY ATTEND COUNCIL

LISBON, Saturday — Mr. Lester B. Pearson, Chairman of the NATO Council, expressed hope today that the last formalities would be completed in time for Greece and Turkey to sit as full fledged members of the NATO Council opening on Wednesday.

Mr. Pearson, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, arrived by air from London with the Canadian Defence Minister, Mr. Brooke Claxton.

Mr. Pearson said that the formal invitation to, and acceptances from, Greece and Turkey are all that is needed to complete their membership.

Ministers who arrived here today in readiness for Wednesday's meeting included the Belgian Foreign Minister, Mr. Paul van Zeeland; the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvard Lange; the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Mr. Paulo Cunha, returning from London, where he attended the King's funeral, and Mr. Charles Spofford, Chairman of the NATO Council of Deputies. (AP, Reuter)

King Buried at Windsor

LONDON, Saturday. — Flanked by sombre pageantry and surrounded by silent multitudes, the body of King George VI yesterday made its last long journey into history. Here, in the heart of his Commonwealth, the great and humble joined in the ancient ceremonial which came to a climax when the simple oak coffin was lowered to its final resting place in Windsor Castle.

The ceremony at Windsor was elaborate and a scene of beauty and pageantry. The crowned heads of Europe watched the body being laid to rest in the ancient vault. The young Queen sprinkled earth over the coffin, as a last salute to her father.

Mourning was observed throughout the Empire and in Britain a two-minute period of silence during the ceremony was requested by the Queen.

Wearing a top hat and frock coat, the Israel Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, yesterday walked with the other heads of foreign delegations behind the coffin of King George VI along the three-mile route through London's streets. Next to Mr. Sharett walked Edmond Homsey, Syrian Minister, in front of him was Victor Khouri, Lebanese Minister, and behind him Hassan Ibrahim of the Yemen.

At Windsor, Mr. Sharett was joined by the Minister in London, Mr. Eliahu Elath. The Military Attache, Colonel K.P. Salomon, walked with the other foreign attaches in the procession. Mr. Sharett is flying home tonight by El Al.

The wreath sent by President Weizmann was placed with those from the heads of other foreign countries on the steps of St. George's Cathedral, Windsor, where the funeral service took place. (INA, Reuter, UP)

In Haifa a solemn memorial service for the late King, conducted by the Rev. Eric Allen, was held at St. John's and attended by the British Consul General, members of the British community, church dignitaries, the District Representative, the Mayor, the Consular Corps, and senior army officers.

U.K. Uneasiness Over Churchill's Health

LONDON, Saturday. — For the second time in two days, Premier Churchill's household today insisted that the statesman was in good health. The statements were in reply to persistent rumours in London that the 77 year old Prime Minister was seriously ill.

Some of the reports which swept through the streets of the capital even said that the Prime Minister had died during the night. Adding fuel to the fire was the fact that Mr. Churchill on Friday stumbled on his way to George's Chapel, Windsor, for the funeral of King George VI.

The stumbling, following his decision not to take part in the funeral procession, caused uneasiness among Britons. A friend of the family said that Mr. Churchill was certainly hard hit by the death of the King.

The Duke of Windsor last night met Mr. Churchill at his official residence. (AP, Reuter)

No Military Pledges By Truman to Churchill

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The State Department denied reports that President Truman made secret military commitments to the British Prime Minister, Mr. Michael McDermott, State Department spokesman, told his press conference yesterday.

He said, "The entire story" of Mr. Churchill's meeting with President Truman was told in the three communiques issued during their conference.

A resolution introduced in Congress by Mr. E. Y. Berry (Republican, South Dakota) would direct the Secretary of State to transmit to the House information relating to any agreements by the two statesmen during their recent conversations.

Tunis Situation Deteriorates Badly

TUNIS, Saturday (Reuter). — The Tunisian situation has once more seriously deteriorated in the last few days as a result of new bloodshed in various parts of the country. Tunis itself took on the aspect of a city under a state of siege after demonstrators yesterday threw four grenades outside the home of the French Resident-General, wounding three policemen and wrecking a police-car.

Police immediately formed a cordon around the house of the Resident, M. de Hautecloque, and troops were rushed to the scene. Some 30 demonstrators, most of them women — many of them with their white veils covered in blood—were detained by the police. The latter also fired some shots at nationalists attempting to flee.

Paratroops Advance

French Foreign Legion parachutists were reported yesterday to be moving towards Gafsa, after the pro-French Caliph of the town had been murdered. A Neo-Destour spokesman denied that his party was implicated in the crime. Shops and markets in Gabes were shut in protest against recent police searches and arrests of prominent leaders.

France has withdrawn the diplomatic passports of the two Tunisian Ministers who intended to go to New York to press their case before the Security Council, "a French Foreign Office spokesman announced today.

Salah ben Yussef, Tunisian Minister of Justice, and Mohammed Badra, Minister for Social Affairs, had applied for visas at the U.S. Embassy in Paris last week. The French Foreign Office informed the U.S. authorities that the two passports were no longer valid.

Moscow Economic Talks Slated for April 3

COPENHAGEN, Saturday (Reuters). — After a two-day meeting here in strict secrecy, the preparatory Committee of the Moscow Economic Conference yesterday issued an invitation to discuss "problems of world trade" in Moscow from April 3 to 10.

The invitation was directed to trade union representatives, economists, technicians, farmers and cooperators. It said the conference would not be a meeting of government representatives. It "will be limited to recommendations."

The conference aim was said to be "to promote cooperation between countries irrespective of their political system by means of trade, and to improve living conditions." The conference is also to examine the possibilities of extending trade between East and West.

The invitation was issued by a French politician, M. Robert Chambeiron.

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Friday's Press Review: Belittlement Of Achievements

IN time of war, everybody becomes an expert in strategy and tactics. It is not different in a period of economic struggle, when inflation and deflation, foreign exchange rates and trade balances, real income and money income, and the notorious vicious spiral become, in the literal sense, household words. In this field, therefore, the Government must take more active steps in order to enlighten the public. While it is perfectly true, as Mr. Ben Gurion said, that the Government must rely on the cooperation of the people, this cooperation cannot be expected if essential facts are withheld, and if the public are permitted to be taken by surprise by the consequences of the New Economic Policy.

PLAIN TRUTHS

The Government should not delay any further its approval of Mr. Kaplan's proposal to publish the total figures of the Treasury Bills it has issued. Furthermore, it is necessary and requires no extraordinary effort to supply the public at large with full and clearly-worded information on the progress of its own action and to explain the immediate reaction of the markets. For example: why was no prior notice given of the increased price of kerosene and benzine on Friday? Similar information on the dollar contents of other imported consumer goods and the resulting higher cost under the new rates is urgently needed. At the same time, it is of the greatest importance to explain why these higher prices do not necessarily increase the inflationary pressure.

On the other hand, positive measures and their impact on the family budget must be brought home systematically. If restriction of purchasing power leads inevitably to more tightening of the belt, the counterpart must be an assured supply of food and utility goods, both in reasonable quantity and quality. Moreover, if the new policy results in higher profits for the *entrepreneur*, we must be told how and to what extent such profits will be channeled into the production process.

It is to be hoped that the Government will appreciate this "public relations" side of its task. A promising beginning was made by the Finance Minister last Thursday, when he issued his Order of the Day: "Work better; Produce more!" If this order is followed in every farm, workshop and office, and by consent rather than compulsion, the result will be more food in kitchens, more goods in the shops, more exports, less imports, and rising value of earnings. In other words, the "spiral" will be reversed. Instead of leading towards an abyss, its coils will move towards the firm ground of stability.

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

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Mt. Carmel	59	7	13	11
Haifa	67	7	18	17
Tel Aviv	75	8	17	16
Lydda Airport	70	4	20	19
Jerusalem	61	7	16	14
Beersheba	58	6	19	19

Forecast: Fair.

"A) Humidity at 9 a.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxima yesterday D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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Three resolutions are to elect a Local Council today from two lists — Labour and General Zionists.

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Five strikes involving 1,306 workers broke out in January and some 5,000 workdays were lost. It was announced yesterday. The two main strikes were of the school teachers and public accountants' clerks.

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A shortage of small change was reported in Tel Aviv and in Nazareth yesterday.

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Shlomo Saltsh, 23, of Givat Shaul was seriously injured when struck by a motorcycle on Friday afternoon in Jaffa Road in Jerusalem. He was taken to Hadassah Hospital and the cyclist, Yehezkiel Nathak, was released in IL.50 bail.

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A jeep belonging to the Hebrew University which had been parked in Bet-ha Rabina in Jerusalem on Friday, was found abandoned at the foot of Rehov Aza yesterday morning minus three of its wheels.

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British matting and carpets worth IL. 2,000 were stolen from the shops of Mr. A. Grossman and Mr. Y. Baddan of Rehov Bialik in Ramat Gan on Friday night.

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More than 50 persons were detained in a routine check of the Rehov Ullmann "market" on Friday. After a day-long investigation, they were released on bail.

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A branch post office is to be opened in Kfar Macabiah on Wednesday.

400 Students To Visit

Four hundred students from various countries are expected to take part in an organized visit by the World Union of Jewish Students to Israel this summer, the Union has announced.

Most of the hundreds of Israel students in European universities, do not make their influence felt since they do not participate in cultural and educational activities of the Jewish Students' Organization, it was said.

Students' Copybooks In High Court

A Government decision to make 20,000 copybooks available to the Hebrew University Students' Organization through Hamashbir Hamerkazi was the subject of an order nisi issued by the High Court on Friday to 14 Jerusalem retailers and wholesalers who had protested against Hamashbir's "encroachment" on the stationery business of the capital.

Declaring that they were entitled to receive this allotment, the merchants pointed out that it had been agreed they were to receive 70 per cent and Hamashbir 30 per cent of the stationery supplies, which the cooperative was instructed to sell only to its members. The merchants allege that the Students' Organization had never before bought from Hamashbir.

The Government decision was made as the result of the organization's argument that since Technion students received copybooks at wholesale prices, they were also entitled to this reduction. The applicants, however, stated that the students should not be supported at their expense.

KING DAVID'S OWNER WITHDRAWS ORDER

Since the Government has promised to facilitate the reconstruction of the King David Hotel's demolished wing, the Palestine Hotels, Ltd., the King David's owner, withdrew an order nisi it had obtained in the High Court last month, calling on the Minister of Finance to show cause why he should not permit the company to keep its foreign securities.

The applicant had argued that its foreign securities constituted a fund to be used for rebuilding the wing. The Government still insists on being given the securities, but will help the company in its project.

TIME SAVING

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). —Time saving "will be the goal of the Tel Aviv District Court," Dr. N. Bar Zakai, President of the Court, said here yesterday. He added that even the most complicated criminal cases would not last for more than a month.

WEEK FOR A BITE

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). —Charged with biting a constable, Yona Ma'avri, 18, was sentenced to one week in prison by the Magistrate here yesterday. She attacked the policeman in September when she was told not to enter a bus by the rear door.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV — Cabbage: 250 grams. Kaf 24, visitors 33, cases 41, 12. Eggs: (3rd Feb. ration). 4. Zayin 27.

JERUSALEM — Eggs: (3rd Feb. ration). 4. Zayin 27. Cabbage: 250 grams. Kaf 24, none 3. Cauliflower: 250 grams. Kaf 14, none 11.

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Eggs: 4. Zayin 27, visitors. 9. Chicken: aged persons, 250 grams, non 23, non 13; sick persons, 500 grams. Green peppers, 100 grams. Kaf 24, visitors. 38. Tomatoes, 250 grams. Yod 24, visitors. 33. Carrots: 250 grams. Kaf 24 visitors, 40. Cauliflower: 250 grams. Kaf 14, visitors. 31. Bananas: Aleph, one kilo. Beth. Gimel, Daled and Heh. 250 grams. Yod 14 visitors. 37; expectant mothers, 500 grams. February ration. Heh 28. Butter: Bet, Tzadi 31, monthly ration 100 grams. Gimel, Daled, and Heh. 50 grams on the following coupons — Gimel Feb 31; Daled, Ayin 1; and Heh. Samech 1; visitors of all categories, 42.

THE HEBREW NATIONAL OPERA

TEL AVIV — Habimah — Tuesday, Feb. 19 — 8.30 p.m.
HAIFA — Ahuza — Thursday, Feb. 21 — 9 p.m.

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Quick Trip Abroad

Quick action resulted in the speedy return of two young Americans late Friday afternoon, who four hours earlier had been taken into Arab Legion custody after having strolled across the lines at Rehov Shmuel Hanavi in Jerusalem.

The two, Naomi Bramson, 19, a student at the Hebrew University, and Martin Pomerantz, 21, a member of an American group training in Kibbutz Gal On, paused to watch some youngsters playing football and then walked across an open area toward a waiting bus, not realizing that they had crossed the border. They were stopped and taken into custody by Arab Legionnaires who informed them that the open area through which they had passed was mined.

A quick-thinking resident of the Beth Israel quarter, Mr. Yosef Schor, who had observed what had taken place, immediately notified the police.

The pair said that they were well treated by Arab police officials and that their return was arranged through the intervention of the U.S. Consul. They were returned to Israel at Mandelbaum Gate.

ARSON ATTEMPT AT MISSION

BEERSHEBA, Saturday.—An attempt at arson and burglary was made yesterday morning at the American Mission House here. A suspect has been detained.

On Thursday, the resident missionary, the Rev. Martin Alvin, and his family left for Jerusalem and yesterday morning unidentified persons tried to break into the Mission. Unable to force entry, they burned down the door and a wooden screen and blackboard in the chapel.

The fire was discovered by Mr. David Marks, a contractor working in the chapel, who arrived in time to put out the blaze. The police found a key, matches and a can of kerosene. It is believed the crime was committed by a person who had asked Mr. Alvin for money with the promise that he would embrace Christianity. Mr. Alvin had reportedly refused.

Peace Through Presents

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Carol Francis Asmie, of Brooklyn, New York, arrived by El Al yesterday to tour Youth Aliya institutions and distribute presents she brought with her from children in America.

Fourteen-year old Carol Francis is a member of a youth organization trying to bring about improved international relations by distributing birthday presents to children throughout the world. She will remain here 12 days.

Conference of Negev Settlements on Defence Problems

A conference of representatives of Negev settlements on Defence Problems will be held at Bet-Ha'hayal, Beersheba, TOMORROW, February 18, at 10 a.m. sharp. Mr. D. Tuviahu, Mayor of Beersheba, will be the host and the Area Officer Commanding will participate.

The Public Relations Dept. of the Ministry of Defence asks representatives of Negev settlements to be on time.

(Advt.)

IT'S A SIMPLE FACT

One of the important sections of the Israel Defence Army is the Reserves, which mobilizes the majority of the population.

The potential strength of the Reserves lies in its ability to report for duty immediately when the call comes.

Our country's long boundaries, its whole geographical structure, the lack of wide expanses — all this forbids slow organization.

Any delay is liable to cause disaster.

The conclusion: Speedy registration will decide our fate in any emergency.

Everyone employing a member of the Reserves in workshop, office or field must release him immediately on a sudden alert, so that he can reach his unit in the minimum amount of time.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

Jordan Point-4 Pact Signed

WASHINGTON, Saturday, (UP).—The U.S. today officially announced the signing of a $3,780,000 Point Four agreement with Jordan last Tuesday.

The agreement calls for measures to increase agricultural production, improve health and conditions for the development of water resources, improve education, develop mineral resources and transportation projects.

Drinks Toast To State He Helped

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Flanked by the blue and white flags of Israel and his native Guatemala, Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados yesterday drank a toast to the State he helped create as a member of UNSCOP.

Speaking at a meeting of the Commercial and Industrial Club, he said he wished his country had progressed as much as Israel since his first visit in 1947.

"In UNSCOP we had to fight very hard for the establishment of the State, but it is today the U.N.'s only accomplishment," the former Guatemalan Ambassador to the U.S. said. He added that Israel and Guatemala would always be good friends.

Mr. A. Rozansky, who presided, announced that another UNSCOP member, Dr. Enrico Fabregat, of Uruguay, will visit here shortly.

Concern Voiced

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Concern at the shortage of newsprint was voiced at the biannual conference of the Israel Journalists' Association which opened at the Ritz Hotel here yesterday. The conference, which continues tomorrow, resolved to appeal to the Knesset and the Government to find a speedy solution to the problem. Newsprint restrictions curbed free expression, the resolution added.

UNRWA TRANSFERRED

Some of the UNRWA's offices and stores were transferred from Amman to the Old City over the weekend, "Palestine," the Old City daily, reported yesterday.

Entertainment

TEL AVIV

8.30 p.m.: "Li-La-Lo News." Li-La-Lo Theatre: Jascha Heifetz Hall.

JERUSALEM

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel. Keren Hayesod Head Office.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 6.30 & 8.30

ARNON: East Side, West Side.
EDEN: The Toast of New Orleans.
EDISON: South Sea Sinners.
ORION: Every Girl Should Be Married.
SEMADAR: A Song is Born.
STUDIO: Faust (La Beaute du Diable).
ZION: Samson and Delilah.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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HAIFA: Hakochav, 28 Wadi Salib, Nordau, 13 Nordau, 4039. Kiryat Motzkin, 2702.

Yugoslav Army Will Not Fight For Tito

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday (Reuter). — The former U.S. Minister to Yugoslavia, Mr. Arthur Bliss Lane, has stated that the Yugoslav Army is disloyal to Marshal Tito and would disintegrate under Soviet attack.

Mr. Bliss Lane, who was also ex-con. con Ambassador to Poland, told a meeting here that he based his remarks on talks with peasants during a tour of Yugoslavia last year. He said the only legitimate reason for U.S. financial aid to Yugoslavia was that he would fight Communism. He questioned however, whether Americans really wanted their Government to support "a regime which enslaved people."

France Invites Return Of Spanish Exiles

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — The Spanish Government has sent a circular to all Spanish Consulates abroad asking Spanish Republicans living in exile to return to Spain, it was announced here yesterday.

The circular said all disabled Republicans would be cordially welcomed and only those responsible for war crimes would be tried. Repatriation would be completely at the expense of the Spanish Government.

A spokesman of the Spanish Consulate in Paris there were about 2,000 Republicans in France. The policy of the Spanish Government was to help those who sincerely wished to return to a normal life.

The League of Disabled Spanish Republicans in Paris stated today. These measures deceive nobody living inside or outside Spain. Disabled Republicans in Spain are now living a miserable and painful life. Their silence is not a proof of contentment and well-being but of the fact that they are gagged by a regime of terror.

SOCCER RESULTS

The scores of yesterday's football games are as follows:

CUP GAMES

Tel Aviv Maccabi	3	Mathanya Mac.	0
Tel Aviv Hapoel	2	Kiryat Haim Hap.	1
Petah Tikva Mac.	5	Tel Aviv Hakoah	1

LEAGUE GAMES First Division

Petah Tikva Hap.	2	Haifa Hakoah	1
Haifa Maccabi	1	Rishon le Zion Mac.	1

ON THE AIR

ENGLISH NEWS 2 6 9.30 p.m.

10.10 a.m. Musical Miniatures (R). 11.00 Housewives' Corner. 11.15 Concert Hall: Piano Concerto (Bach); Symphony No.34 (Mozart). 12.02 Break for Music (R). 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.40 Programme Announcements. 3.15 Service from the Salesian Church, Haifa.

4.00 p.m. Music (R). 4.45 Programme for Yemenites. 5.00 Popular Education. 5.15 Children's Hour. 5.45 Bible Reading. 6.15 Piano Recital: Tzvete Gruenfelder. 6.45 William Primrose (R). 7.00 Popular Instruments: Immanuel Zamir, Moshe Abeze & Yehezkiel Galvadi. 7.45 Marcel Schlamme (R). 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Michael Taube. Soloist: Yascha Spivakovsky. Piano Concerto (Tchaikowsky); Overture "Leonore" No.3 (Beethoven). 9.45 Jazz Programme. 10.15 Folk Songs. 10.50 Recital: Sascha Parnass & Moshe Lustig. 11.05 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour 133.3 & 960 M.): 6.30 p.m. French: 7.00 p.m. Ladino: 7.30 p.m. Yiddish.

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U.S. May Break With E. Europeans

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The State Department announced yesterday that it was considering breaking off relations with Hungary and other East European Communist states.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the Department's spokesman, reading a prepared statement, said, "The many difficulties which the Government has encountered in its dealing with the Communist Governments of Eastern Europe necessitate constant attention and careful evaluation of all respects of our relations with these regimes."

"The basic question of maintaining diplomatic relations with these Governments is naturally in the circumstances a matter which the Department keeps under constant review."

"Insofar as the incident of the four American airmen is concerned, the basis for the action taken for the U.S. in that case has been set forth clearly by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson."

The Equator May Not Be a Circle After All

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Contrary to the opinion of Western scientists the equator is not a circle but an ellipsoid, a Tass message broadcast from Moscow stated yesterday.

Studies by Professor Alexander Zotov have established that the calculations of the radius of the equator by the American scientist Heyford and the German Friedrich Bessels were wrong, the message said.

WORK TO START ON HOUSING

Instructions have already been issued to begin the first stages in the development of areas set aside for Popular Housing, the Ministry of Labour has announced. The plan calls for building roads and laying sewage pipes.

The tenants' priority list will be published soon, the Ministry said.

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Social & Personal

Prof. Bernard Dinburg, Minister of Education, recently toured Haifa's educational institutions and participated in a meeting of the Municipal Council at which Mayor Abba Khoushy discussed local educational and cultural problems.

Mr. Reuven Hillush, Special Adviser to the Foreign Ministry, returned by Air France from Paris on Friday.

Mr. Moshe Rol, Director of Youth Aliya and member of the Jewish Agency Executive, has returned after an extended European tour.

Sgan Alof Benjamin Beeri, who for the past two years has been Assistant Air Attache at the Legation in London, has relinquished his post and is returning home today. He is succeeded by Sargen M. Shahor of the Air Force, who has already taken up his new assignment.

Dr. George Landau, of the Jewish Agency, returned by SAS from Germany on Friday. He had taken part in negotiations for the return of certain Jewish properties.

Mrs. E. Sasson, wife of the Minister to Turkey, arrived from Istanbul by SAS on Friday.

The founding meeting of the Jerusalem branch of the Convention Centre Association took place on Thursday evening.

Dr. D. Zamenhof will speak on "Modern Research on the Planet Mars" at 8.15 tonight at Terra Sancta College in Jerusalem under the auspices of the Jerusalem Amateur Astronomers Association.

An exhibition of paintings by Argentine artists, organized by the Hebraica Argentina Society, will be opened at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Betzalel Museum in Jerusalem.

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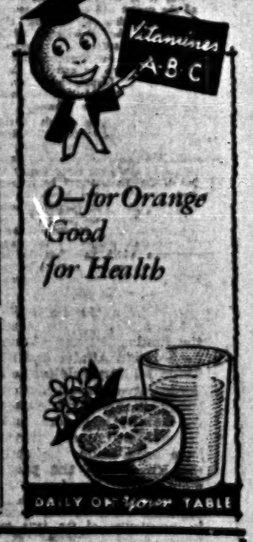

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at 8 p.m. prompt, with participation of the American Ambassador and government and national institutions representatives.
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TEL AVIV "Ohel Shem" Hall
TOMORROW at 8.30 — Series 6

MUSICAL DIARY

THE first performance of Brahms' "Deutsches Requiem" at the Ohel Shem on Wednesday will certainly be remembered as one of the most courageous enterprises in the history of music performances in Israel. Started almost as a private venture by the fanatic choir conductor, Etan Lustig, and his enlarged Tel Aviv Chamber Choir, and finally assisted by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, the result was inspiring; it represented a highly welcome change in the monotony of routine programmes.

The "Requiem" at which Brahms worked over a period of about ten years, and which in its final form was first performed at the Bremen Cathedral in 1868, was probably inspired by the death of Schumann. The German text, prepared by Brahms himself from the Lutheran Bible, shocked the audience when the first three movements were performed in Vienna in 1868, but after the first complete performance, it was acknowledged as the first great work of the composer.

Hearing it now, and for the first time in a Hebrew translation by Rabbi Dr. Dov (who gently re-translated Luther's text into Hebrew) we are overwhelmed by the purest manifestation of German music after Bach.

Not alone the musical language, but also Brahms selection of the text and the formal balance of the seven movements add to the impression of aesthetical perfection. What later Mahler revealed and elaborated the "enjoyment" of the Requiem music of Brahms (most of protestant funeral) was lost.

As a whole, the interpretation of the work was excellent, with Etan Lustig giving an impressive performance as leader of the choir and orchestra. A surprise was the 22nd Soprano, Rachel Elkan, whom I have never heard before and who sang the solo part with the quality of a typical "Lieder singer, while Lotte Lieder was also admirable. The ovation after the finale were granted to the performers of a requiem — but they were sincere and well deserved.

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